

## Minutes

### **Hyde County ABC Board and Board of County Commissioners Hyde County**

**April 12, 2010**

Chairman Tom Davis called a Special meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Area using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following Hyde County Board of Commissioners members were present on the mainland: Commissioners Ken Collier, Tom Davis, and Sharon Spencer; County Attorney Sid Hassell; County Manager Carl Classen; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and members of the public. Commissioner Anson Byrd was absent. The following members were present on Ocracoke: Commissioner Gene Ballance; Deputy Clerk to the Board Jamie Tunnell; and, members of the public.

The following Hyde County ABC Board members were present on the mainland: Chairman Jay Ethridge; Board members Charles R. Spencer, and Carl Classen; and Store Manager Charlotte Smith. The following members were present on Ocracoke: Board member Scott Bradley.

#### **ABC Board Matters:**

County Manager Carl Classen gave a brief overview of the Hyde County ABC Board financial status and reported that the Board's financial management had failed. Mr. Classen confirmed that Hyde County did loan \$20,000 to the ABC Board in 2006 with no repayment received to date. The Board of Commissioner has asked Laurie Lee, NC ABC Board, to investigate financial management of the Hyde County ABC Board.

Mr. Classen reported that Sandra Gibbs, former ABC Store Manager, resigned in December 2009 and Charlotte Smith began her position as Store Manager on February 1, 2010.

Commissioner Ken Collier requested that Sheriff David Mason participate in closed session. Due to the Ongoing Investigation Sheriff Mason was not allowed to enter closed session.

#### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Ballance moved to enter closed session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(7) – Discussion of Ongoing Investigation. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Davis, and Spencer; Nays – Collier; Absent or Not Voting – Byrd.

ABC Board Member Charles Spencer moved to enter closed session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(7) – Discussion of Ongoing Investigation. Chairman Ethridge seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Classen, Ethridge, Spencer, and Bradley; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

The Commissioners and ABC Board members entered closed session at 7:45 PM.

Chairman Davis moved to return from Closed Session. Mr. Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Collier, Davis, and Spencer; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – Byrd.

ABC Board Chairman Jay Ethridge moved to return from Closed Session. Board Member Scott Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Classen, Ethridge, Spencer, and Bradley; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 8:55PM.

There being no further matters to come before the Commissioners, Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Collier, Davis, and Spencer; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – Byrd.

ABC Board Member Charles Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Scott Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Classen, Ethridge, Spencer, and Bradley; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2010.

  
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Lois Stotesberry, Clerk  
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

  
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Tom Davis, Chairman  
Hyde County Board of Commissioners